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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to WO 89/08028, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

This reference was cited during prosecution a Singapore patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Copies of two Singapore Search Reports (apparently performed on behalf of Singapore by the Austrian Patent Office), both of which are dated April 25, 2000 are enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application



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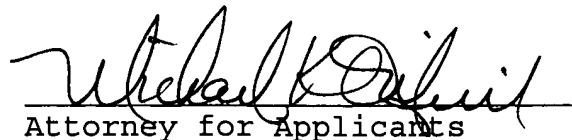
Other documents cited in the Search Reports have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated March 17, 1999, January 13, 2000, and by the Examiner in an Office Action dated July 13, 1998.

The concise explanation of relevance for the reference cited above is provided in the Search Reports.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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